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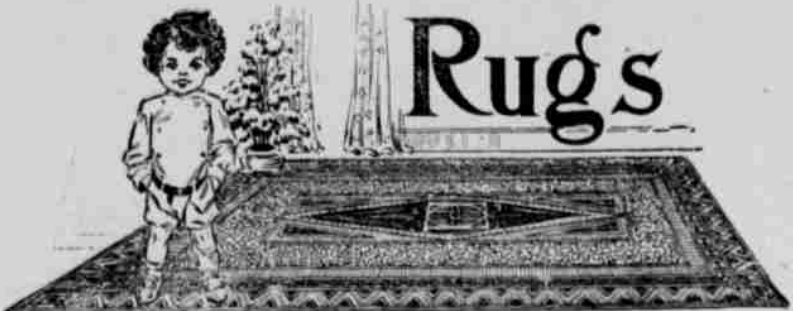
In consequence of which Mr. Mere Man has all and several virulent varieties of Grouch. Nevertheless, the women folk—bless 'em—will just naturally and contrary-wise persist in "singing a song of cleaning house" to the soothing accompaniment of "A pocket full of nails"—Four and twenty dust-pans—Scrubbing brooms and pails.

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LOSS OF LIFE HAS BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED

Streets of Dayton Being Explored By Motor Boats

RELIEF WORK PROGRESSING

Water Receding Rapidly and Marooned Sections of Flooded District Can Be Reached.

Chicago, March 28.—Revised estimates which came in early today from the flooded districts of Ohio and Indiana showed that reports of loss of life in many cities and towns had been exaggerated.

An accurate estimate of the number of victims of the flood at Dayton continued to be an impossibility. The death-toll promise to be much less heavy at Columbus, Ohio, than first reported from the western part of that city.

In the parts of Dayton which have been explored by a motorboat the death list has been greatly reduced from first estimates, and unless the number of victims in the north section of the city is found to be large the dead in the entire city may not number more than 200. In Piqua, where more than 500 persons were reported drowned, fewer than twenty lost their lives according to advices today.

In Chillicothe, where the number of drowned were reported to be around 500, the dead do not exceed twenty-five. Similar results were expected at Zanesville and other Muskingum valley towns. The Indianapolis continued to report improved conditions during the night with the estimates as to death shrinking as more accurate reports were made.

Dayton, Ohio, March 28.—Backed up by the militia and hundreds of special deputies, the citizens' committee in charge of the relief work in the various sections of the flooded city control the situation today.

The work of clearing up the chaotic conditions brought on by the flood is progressing rapidly. Today began with great promise. A brilliant sun tempered the keenness of the frosty air. The flood subsided perceptibly. Thousands of flood victims, who had been penned in the downtown sections of the city, made their way to the suburbs. On main street in the heart of Dayton it was possible to pick a dry path over the pavement.

Co-operating with the citizens' committee appointed by President L. B. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce, the militia began early to make arrangements to handle the situation in the downtown district. Sight-seers were barred. Militiamen and deputies were instructed to shoot of offenders against the plan of relief work.

"Shoot at the legs first, and then shoot to kill," is the way the soldiers were instructed to act.

In Columbus
Columbus, March 28.—Some definite idea as to the total number of persons who lost their lives on the west side of Columbus, Ohio, when the Scioto River broke through the levee is expected to be gained today by the rescue and relief parties.

Today dawned cold but clear and indications are that it will get much warmer during the day. Flood victims suffered greatly last night from the cold. However, the river is receding rapidly, and rescue parties will be able to reach many inundated sections of the west side, which were under water yesterday.

West Columbus remains practically under martial law. Military companies on duty have been ordered to shoot looters on sight. The city relief station at the City hall and the newspapers are compiling lists, both of the rescued and the dead. Scores of persons are still unaccounted for, and the officials are trying to verify reports of persons reported drowned.

First Glean of Hope
Zanesville, Ohio, March 28.—(By long distance telephone to Pittsburgh)—Zanesville, 30,000 inhabitants, 10,000 of whom are homeless today, saw the first gleam of hope since the flood in the Muskingum River swept through the city three days ago. The river had begun to recede, soldiers, reinforcements for the National Guard on duty in the streets, were entering the suburbs and provisions had arrived to a point within four miles from the city. The sun rose clear and bright.

Conditions are still frightful. The electric light and water companies are out of commission. One small gas line is serving the city with a fitful supply of fuel and there is little, if any, coal available. The families in the flooded sections are without food. Communication between the city and the section known as Putnam, where it is believed the loss of life will be found to be greatest, is still cut off and all public and private business is at a standstill. Looting has commenced and the military has been given orders to shoot down the first thief caught at work.

In Eastern Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, March 28.—Clear, cold weather has lessened the danger of further flooding in eastern Pennsylvania, excepting the vicinity of Harrisburg, where the Susquehanna River is expected to further inundate the lowlands. The Susquehanna is receding at Wilkesbarre, 100 miles north of Harrisburg, and the Lackawanna River is falling at Scranton. Railroads in the flood districts are

WATER IN HUDSON VALLEY ABOVE ALL RECORDS

Sections of Troy and Albany Completely Flooded

NO DEATHS REPORTED

Cities Without Lights and People Driven to Upper Rooms of Their Homes.

Troy, March 28.—Troy is in the throes of the worst flood in the history of the city. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage has already been caused. Hundreds of families have been made homeless. No lives have been reported lost. The city was without electric power last night and Trolley and train traffic has been suspended.

The flood covers an extended territory. Practically all of South Troy below Congress street is under water. River street, from the Manufacturers' Bank to Hoosick street is impassable and the water came up to Franklin Square from Grand street and flooded Fourth street, south of Grand.

Rowboats, rafts and other means of conveyance were used in getting people to and from their homes. Public places were used to shelter those compelled to flee from their homes. The Troy Union Station was crowded all night.

On Down street the water stretched as far back as Seventh Avenue and was more than two feet deep in some places. Hundreds of cellars between Squam and Grand street and floors of some of the houses. The scenes of the reservoir overflow were repeated.

At the plant of Cluett, Peabody & Co. the water entered the first floor. For a long distance on River street, between Jacob and above Hoosick street, the water stood in the thoroughfare and it was impassable except for teams.

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The 250-foot suspension bridge at Glens Falls was swept away last night shortly after 10 o'clock. The flood conditions at Watervliet worsened all records last night. At Broadway and Ninth street the water was five feet deep, and Broadway for its entire length was under water. Most of the thoroughfares leading from the west of Broadway were submerged, making it impossible to get near the main thoroughfare at any point. The electric light plant was under water and consequently there were no lights. Among the places cut off from the rest of the city was the police station at Broadway and Sixteenth street.

Albany Avenue, Green Island, was a raging stream last night. A small automobile tried to get through to Watervliet, but the car became marooned halfway to the basin bridge. It was a night of terror in Green Island. Practically all the people were up all night. Fire wagons were out and several incipient fires were extinguished. Hundreds of people were forced to move upstairs or go to the houses of friends. The only dry spot in the village was on the block between Clinton and Hamilton sts., north of George street.

Both the Boston and Maine and the Delaware and Hudson northbound train service ran trains. There were no local trains. Because there were three feet of water in the Congress street tunnel, local are run as far as Breaker Island.

The famous 1857 mark was surpassed by one foot early this morning. The village of Hudson bridge was closed to vehicles, but this bridge and the one at Congress street were open to pedestrians. Also beginning to resume service. Many anthracite collieries remain closed because of their levels being flooded.

Another Flood-Stricken Village
Cincinnati, March 28.—Another flooded stricken village was heard from today, when Coroner Foerster was notified that thirty-two lives had been lost at Venet, in Butler County. The dead were members of five families. One mother was saved. The Postoffice of the Venet is situated in Ross, Ohio.

At Wheeling, W. Va.
Wheeling, W. Va., March 28.—The Ohio River at this point reached 50.8 feet at 2:30 a. m. today and was rising two inches an hour. The report from Pittsburgh that the Ohio was stationary at that place was the most encouraging news to the Wheeling district, as it indicated that the predicted record-breaking flood possibly would not develop. Hundreds of persons driven from their homes by the high water, walked the streets of this city and surrounding towns during the night, unable to secure shelter, but there was little actual suffering, as the night was not cold.

BENNINGTON CUT OFF BY CRIPPLED RAILROADS

Very Little Mail Received Since Thursday Morning

PASSENGERS ARE MAROONED

North Bound Train on Thursday Left Nearly 40 and Most of Them Are Still With Us.

In common with many other communities in western Vermont, Bennington, during the past three days, has been experiencing a period of isolation from the outside world. No mail has been received here from the north since Thursday morning and there has been but little from any direction since that time. The Boston and Maine railroad appears to have suffered from the floods to a less extent than other lines with connections into Bennington and yesterday noon there was a small budget of mail from Boston including the Boston morning papers. No New York papers have arrived since Thursday morning. It was reported this morning that there would be through mail from the south on the train arriving this noon.

This morning mail from the south and west was sent out from the local postoffice, but it is probable that much of it will be delayed at Troy by the flood conditions in the Hudson valley region. When it will be possible to dispatch mail to the north is problematical. It is not at all likely that communication with Rutland and the country north of that city will be resumed before Sunday and possibly not until Monday. A special train was made up at the local station yesterday afternoon and it left here at 5:05 with passengers and mail for Arlington. Progress beyond that point is impossible because of the washouts.

On the Champlain division a freight train is stalled near Old Bennington. This train could be run into this village but for the washout just north of the Dewey crossing and as every available section hand is needed on the main line not much work will be done in that locality today. To repair this washout would not mend matters to any great extent for the Champlain division is badly crippled all along the line. There is a big washout just below Petersburgh Junction and the roadbed is unsafe in other localities.

The troubles on the electric railroad were remedied during the day. The first car for Hoosick Falls went through early in the afternoon, and service to North Adams was resumed at 5 o'clock.

The work on the Rutland railroad is being pushed from both directions. The repair crews from Rutland have put the road in shape as far as Danby and from this end of the line the road is passable as far as Manchester. Fred Chapman, track supervisor for this section, came into the village at 9 o'clock last night and went out with his work train and 25 men at 5 o'clock this morning.

The northbound flyer, which was run into the local station Thursday afternoon when it was learned that the Rutland road was out of commission, carried between 30 and 40 passengers. A few of them were on their way to Arlington and the section that could be reached by team from that village and they left here on the special train last evening. Some have left by the trolley road for North Adams where they were able to make connections but there are nearly 30 quarantined at the hotel waiting for an opportunity to go north over the Rutland.

The mail from Woodford, where the greatest damage in this vicinity was wrought by the high water, arrived on time yesterday. Carl Bugbee, driver of the stage, making a good share of the trip on foot.

MACHINISTS BEAT BAPTIST

Won All Five Points From Baptist Five Last Night.

The Cooper Machine Co., bowlers won all five points from the Baptist church last night on the Y. M. C. A. alleys.

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BENNINGTONIANS REPORTED SAFE AT PIQUA, O.

Good News Received By Telegram Today

FROM WILLIAM FRYER

Former Mill Superintendent Here Sends Word to Anxious Friends.

Former residents of Bennington, who are now residing in Piqua, O., all escaped the flood. A telegram was received this morning by Walter B. Taylor from his brother-in-law, William Fryer stating that "All Bennington people are safe."

Piqua is a knit goods manufacturing city and at different times residents of this village have moved there to take up employment in the mills. Mr. Fryer was at one time a superintendent at the Bradford mill and he holds a similar position in Piqua. He is personally acquainted with the Bennington people in the city and the good news is therefore reliable.

During the past two days there had been a persistent rumor here that two of the children of George Thomeyer, a former resident, had perished in the wrecking of a school house. Two brothers-in-law of Mr. Thomeyer, Thomas and Patrick Dunn, made preparations last night to leave today for Piqua, but now that the telegram has been received may decide not to do so.

DAMAGE TO COST MILLIONS

Officials Unable to Predict When Trains Can Be Run.

Baltimore, March 27.—The latest reports received at the general offices of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from the flood districts showed that the situation regarding the railroads was unimproved today.

Vice Pres. Thompson would not make a prediction as to when trains would reach Cincinnati and Chicago. Great damage is being wrought in West Virginia around Parkersburg and Wheeling. Ohio was reported as rising at the rate of six or eight inches an hour at the first named city.

That the financial loss to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad by the floods would run into the millions, was indicated by Pres. Willard. When asked how much the damage would amount to, Mr. Willard said: "I can not tell. I haven't an idea. I wish I could say that it would be \$2,000,000, but cannot."

"I know that half a dozen bridges on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton to the Cincinnati & Dayton to the Baltimore & Ohio have been washed away. We have lost one of our largest bridges on the main road to Chicago, at Zanesville, and probably it will be six months before we will have another completed bridge there, although we will have some bridge there soon."

"We hope to have our main line to Chicago open in 24 hours and our main line to Cincinnati open in the same time. We cannot tell when we will have our line to St. Louis open."

A Message to Railroad Men.
E. S. Bacon, 11 East St., Bath, Me., sends out this warning to railroaders everywhere. "My work as conductor caused a chronic inflammation of the kidneys. I was miserable and almost played out. From the day I began taking Foley Kidney Pills I began to regain my strength, and I am better now than I have been for twenty years." Try them. Cole's Pharmacy.

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COUNTY FISH AND GAME CLUB WILL INCORPORATE

Will Also Admit Ladies to Membership

PICTURES BUT NO LECTURE

John B. Burnham Struggled Five Hours Between Albany and Troy.

At the meeting of the Bennington County Fish and Game club in the county court house last night the pictures illustrating John B. Burnham's lecture on natural history and game protection and propagation were thrown on a screen while somewhere in the mud between Albany and Troy Mr. Burnham himself struggled with a broken down automobile. Not a train or trolley was running between the two cities and the state road was impassable. Hiring a car, Mr. Burnham tried to reach Troy and the old stone road by way of the back roads from Albany. It was twelve o'clock when the Western Union in Albany delivered from Mr. Burnham the following message in Bennington by telephone. "Five and a half hours from Albany to Troy. Car disabled. Had to walk in. Tried hard to reach you."

Mr. Burnham's pictures were excellent and much regret was expressed by the large number who attended, that he was unable to reach here to deliver his lecture. Efforts will be made, however, to have Mr. Burnham present at a later meeting of the club.

At the business meeting it was voted to incorporate the club as the Bennington County Forest, Fish and Game association, and to take steps to put a fish and game patrol into Bennington county. It was also voted to admit ladies to membership, and to combine with the Green Mountain club in building the long trail from the Massachusetts border to the Massachusetts line.

RAISES PRICE OF FOOD

New York Beginning to Feel the Pinch.

New York, March 27.—New York city began today to feel a pinch in the food supply on account of the interruption of railroad communication by the floods in Ohio and Indiana and the tornadoes in Nebraska. It was estimated at the Produce Exchange that the net advance in the cost of staples in this city in the next two or three weeks will exceed \$1,000,000.

More than \$5,000,000 worth of food destined for New York—meats, poultry and dairy products for the most part—are now held up in stalled freight trains between here and the Mississippi River. There are more than 20 miles of stalled eastbound freight trains in the flooded districts. The agents of the Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha packers combine today notified the local retailers that beef would go up tomorrow a cent a pound wholesale. Butter has gone up here two cents a pound in the last two days on account of the floods on the Western railroads. There is no butter in local cold storage.

Poultry is unusually scarce. The supply at this season comes mainly from the West and Southwest. Pork is almost unprecedentedly scarce, and all salt preserved meats are on the rise.

DIED IN TROLLEY CAR

Editor New York Clipper Died Suddenly This Morning.

New York, March 28.—William H. Rankin, editor of The New York Clipper, a well known theatrical publication, dropped dead in a Brooklyn street car this morning. He was 60 years old.

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